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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WEST UNION, W. Va., March 14.—

The oil business here is certainly a wonder and since last Thursday every lot and backyard in the town has been leased by the South Penn Oil Company and others, which is the first time in the history of the town any leasing has been done.

This place is booming—about ten new buildings completed and in course of erection—among them are the new court house for Doddridge county, which will be completed this year at a cost of \$50,000; a new opera house just finished, J. W. Markey's new store room, which is one of the most costly and handsome structures of the kind on this part of the Baltimore & Ohio, a new bank building to cost \$20,000, which make two banks, many new residences and business houses being built.

Hotel facilities are good, the best one of which is the Grant House, run by Cahill Brothers.

West Union has plenty of gas to light the streets and houses, and is now surrounded by oil fields. The Stout field, ten miles south, opened one year ago, has twenty-five wells; Canton field, seven miles north, fifty wells; the Oxford field, ten miles southwest, fifteen wells; the Wolf Summit, twelve miles east, opened six months ago, about twenty-five wells, and every farm from here west on the Baltimore & Ohio to Pennsylvania, under lease, with a well drilling at Ellenboro, seven miles farther, showing a good gas well with 300 feet to go to the Big Injun sand. Thus are we surrounded in every direction, and while we have indirectly been benefited by oil, the future holds forth brighter promises than the past, and we will shortly realize them.

The Baptists of this place have raised about \$3,000 to build a church and have bought the B. W. Tolsey property, where they will soon begin building a church to cost about \$5,000.

FAIRMONT FANCIES.

Plea of Guilty—Naturalization—Masonic Banquet—Postal Cards.

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FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 14.—At the circuit court to-day, Pent Thorn, who had been indicted for robbing a man at Mannington, pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Special Judge Cox to three years in the penitentiary.

Asmus Peterson, a native of Germany, phoned to the court that he had lived in this county eight years and that he could read the federal and state constitutions and was naturalized.

Orient Chapter of Royal Arch Masons gave a banquet last night, the occasion being the initiation of six new members.

The postal card factory at Piedmont is kept running to its fullest capacity. During February 58,000,000 postal cards were shipped from the factory there to the government. Large shipments were made last week to Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Tatters—Say, wot's a 'cosmopolitan'? Hasben—Well, that's the name they give to a kind of wealthy hobo.—Philadelphia Press.

Gaddy—Dere's only one good thing I can see in playin' golf. Golters—What's that? Gaddy—De folks who play don't have to carry de sticks.—Tit-Bits.

To Be Considered—"Was your play a success?" asked one manager. "Why, the critics liked it," answered the other. "I know. But how about the police?"—Washington Star.

An Ultimatum.—Mr. Dopps—Mrs. Dopps, your new frock is trailing on the ground. Mrs. Dopps—I don't care if it is, I'm not going to hold it up until I get a silk petticoat.—Indianapolis Journal.

One Thing Sure.—Sympathetic Mother—I can't understand why you should have so much trouble with your wife. Perhaps she only married you to please her parents. Son—Not much. She isn't that kind.—New York Weekly.

At the Ball.—Miss Withers—You are blushing, Coyle! What was that clumsy partner of yours saying? Miss Knisely—Oh, nothing; only that before he met me, life seemed a desert to him. Miss Withers—That is no reason why he should waste like a dromedary.—Brooklyn Life.

His Share.—"We can whip any nation on earth!" cried the patriot. "Let us pitch in and do it." "We?" repeated the former volunteer inquiringly. "Would you help?" "Help!" exclaimed the patriot. "Well, I should say so. Didn't I write letters of advice to the war department all during the trouble in Cuba?"—Chicago Evening Post.

His Sole Purpose.—"And are you quite sure that you wouldn't mind me as a mother-in-law?" said Mrs. Sterlingworth archly, when Mr. Giddings asked her for her daughter's hand. "My dear Mrs. Sterlingworth," the young man replied, "it was for the very purpose of acquiring you as a mother-in-law that I fell in love with you."—Harper's Bazar.

Amiable Hostess—Well, now you are here, I hope you will stay to lunch with me. Gushing Visitor—Oh, thank you so much, dear Mrs. Browne, if we may. (To daughter.) There, Vera, won't that be delightful? Such a pleasant surprise for you! Severely Truthful Child—No, you surprise mother. You know you said Mrs. Browne must stay to lunch if we only stopped long enough.—Punch.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Money on call firm at 4½¢ per cent; last loan 4½¢ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 56½¢ per cent. Sterling exchange irregular with actual business in bankers' bills at \$185¼@185½ for demand and at \$181¼@182¼ for sixty days; pointed rates \$183¼ and \$187. Commercial bills \$181¼@182¼. Silver certificates 69½¢@61¼¢. Bar silver 59½¢. Mexican dollars 47½¢.

Government bonds weak. State bonds strong. Railroad bonds firm.

To-day's stock market was largely in professional hands and trading was congested in the specialties again. The

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Do preferred... 84½ U. S. Leather... 12
Fed. Steel... 49½ Do preferred... 72½
American Tin... 32 Do preferred... 72½
Gen. Electric... 115 Do preferred... 93
Glucose Sugar... 25¼ West Union... 82½
Do preferred... 86½ Rep. L. & S... 23½
Inter. Paper... 65 Do preferred... 64
Laclede Gas... 74½ P. C. C. & S. L. 65

*First assessment paid. Offered.
Total sales 265,000 shares.

Steel, Tin, Tube and Hoop Stocks.

The following prices for the above stocks are furnished by Simpson & Tatum, City Bank building:

	Open	Close
National Steel common	45	44½
Do preferred	55	54½
American Tin common	32	31½
Do preferred	80½	79½
National Tube common	52	51½
Do preferred	93	92½
American Hoop common	35	34½
Do preferred	80	79½

The following quotations are furnished by Howard Haslet & Son, brokers, National Exchange Bank building:

	Opening	Closing
Tin, preferred	50 6/8	51 1/8
Do common	32 3/4	33 1/4
Steel, preferred	55 1/2	56 1/4
Do common	32 1/2	33 1/4
Hoop, preferred	30 1/2	31 1/4
Do common	34 3/4	35 1/4
Tube, preferred	52 1/2	53 1/4
Do common	32 1/2	33 1/4
Republic, preferred	67 1/2	68 1/4
Do common	22 1/2	23 1/4
W. & L. E. common	12 1/2	13 1/4
Chicago G. W. common	13 1/2	14 1/4

New York Mining Stocks.

Chlor... 22 Ontario... 87
Crown Point... 11 Ophir... 65
Con. Cal. & V... 140 Plymouth... 12
Deadwood... 55 Quicksilver... 150
Cana. Pac. O... 110 U. S. F... 135
Hale & Nor... 57 Sierra Nevada... 50
Homestake... 100 Standard... 300
Iron Silver... 70 Union Con... 14
Mexican... 20 Yellow Jacket... 14

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—Influenced by a good cash business and covering by shorts the wheat market closed strong to day, May ½¢ over yesterday. May corn closed ½¢ ½¢ up and May oats a shade improved. Provisions at the close were a trifle better.

It was rather a quiet day in the wheat pit. May opened ½¢ over yesterday at 60¢, helped by the cash business done at Duluth and also here yesterday. The market touched 65½¢ early on profit taking, but steadied. Near the end covering by shorts caused a sharp rally, which carried May to 65½¢.

The close was strong, May ½¢ over yesterday at 64½¢. New York reported five loads taken for export. The export business here for the day was put at 125,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 765,000 bushels, compared with 475,000 bushels last year. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 307,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 652 cars, against 623 last week and 321 a year ago. Local receipts were 25, none of which were of contract grade. Colder weather was predicted.

The corn market opened firm, but shortly afterward declined on liquidation. The decline was recovered near the end, partly influenced by the bulge in wheat. The cash demand was fair and on the rally shorts covered. Duluth business was rather quiet the greater part of the session. Local receipts were 445 cars. Country offerings were light. May ranged from 37½¢@37¾¢ to 37½¢, and closed firm and ¼¢ ½¢ up over yesterday at 37½¢@37¾¢.

The trade in oats was exceedingly quiet, influenced largely by the lesson business in corn. Local receipts were 230 cars. May ranged from 23¼¢@23½¢, and closed a shade improved at 23½¢.

Covering of May pork was the feature of an otherwise colorless provisions market. This influence caused a bulge early, but as soon as the demand was satisfied, the market receded to opening figures. The close was steady. May pork sold from \$10 05¢@11 15¢ and closed 2½¢ over yesterday at \$11 02½¢.

May lard from \$6 02½¢ to \$6 07½¢, closing unchanged at \$6 02½¢, and May ribs from \$6 00¢@6 02½¢@6 07½¢, with the close 2½¢ up at \$6 00¢@6 02½¢.

Estimated receipts to-morrow: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 34,000 head.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 3 spring 61¢@66¢; No. 2 red 68½¢@69¢.

Gorn—No. 2, 35½¢@36¢; No. 2 yellow 36½¢.

Oats—No. 2, 23¼¢@23½¢; No. 2 white 25¢@26¢; No. 3 white 25½¢@26½¢.

Rye—No. 2, 55½¢@56½¢.

Barley—No. 2, 37½¢@39¢.

Flaxseed—No. 1, \$1 60; No. 1 northwestern \$1 60.

Timothyseed—Prime, \$2 40.

Mess Pork—Per barrel, \$10 00¢@10 97½¢.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., \$5 95¢@5 97½¢.

Short Ribs—Sides (loose) \$5 85¢@6 10¢.

Dry salted shoulders (boxed) 64¢@64¢.

Short clear sides (boxed) \$6 20¢@6 35¢.

Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, \$1 24½¢.

Sugars unchanged.

Butter—Easy; creameries 19¢@24¢; dairies 16¢@22¢.

Cheese—Firm at 12¢@13¢.

Eggs—Firm; fresh 14½¢.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat, No. 2	66
March	66
May	67
July	67
Corn, No. 2	36
March	36
May	37
July	37
Sept.	37
Oats, No. 2	23
March	23
May	23
July	23
Mess Pork	101 00
July	101 00
Lard	6 02 1/2
May	6 02 1/2
Short Ribs	6 10
May	6 10
July	6 02 1/2

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 18,335 barrels; exports 9,648 barrels; market moderately active and firmly held, but not quotably higher; Minnesota patent \$3 75¢@3 90¢; Minnesota bakers \$3 45¢@3 60¢; winter patents \$3 60¢@3 80¢; winter straights \$3 45¢@3 55¢; winter extras \$2 60¢@2 90¢; winter low grades \$2 25¢@2 40¢.

Wheat, receipts 63,600 bushels; exports 123,442 bushels; spot market strong; No. 2 red 78¢ elevator; No. 2 red & 10¢ o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth 79½¢ f. o. b. afloat prompt; No. 1 hard Duluth 80½¢ f. o. b. afloat prompt; options opened steady; closed strong at ½¢ net advance; March closed at 77½¢; May, 74½¢; July, 73½¢; September, 73½¢.

Corn, receipts 142,350 bushels; exports 233,933 bushels; spot market firm; No. 2 34¢ f. o. b. afloat and 44¢ elevator; options opened steady; closed firm and unchanged; close: May, 42½¢; July, 42½¢.

Oats, receipts 54,600 bushels; exports 100 bushels; spot market firm; No. 2, 28½¢; No. 3, 25½¢; No. 1 white 32¢; No. 3 white 31½¢; track mixed western 29¢@30¢; track white 31½¢@32½¢; options quiet all day, closing firm on the late rise in corn.

Hay steady. Leather firm. Coal firm but quiet. Beef dull. Cutsmeats steady.

Lard steady; western steamed \$6 30¢; refined steady.

Pork and butter firm. Cheese strong. Eggs barely steady. Tallow quiet. Cottonseed oil quiet. Roisin, rice, peanuts and molasses steady. Turpentine firm.

Coffee, futures opened steady and unchanged to five points higher; closed steady at partial ten points advance; sales, 6,750.

Sugar, raw firm; refined firm.

BALTIMORE—Flour quiet and steady and unchanged; receipts 11,599 barrels. Wheat dull; spot and March 72½¢@73½¢; May, 72½¢@73½¢; steamer No. 2 red 68½¢@69½¢; receipts 3,400 bushels; southern white by sample 68¢@74¢; do on grade 69½¢@73½¢. Corn easier; spot, March and April 41¢@41½¢; May, 41½¢@42¢; steamer mixed 40¢@40½¢; receipts 185,697 bushels; southern white corn 42¢@43¢; do yellow 41¢@41½¢. Oats steady; No. 2 white 30½¢ sales; No. 1 mixed 28¢@28½¢. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy \$16 bid. Cheese, butter and eggs firm and unchanged.

CINCINNATI—Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 74¢. Corn easier; No. 2 mixed 34½¢@35¢. Oats dull; No. 2 mixed 25¢@26¢. Rye steady; No. 2 62¢. Barley quiet at \$4 85¢@5. Bulkheads firm at \$6 15¢. Bacon firm at \$9 90¢. Whiskey steady at \$1 24½¢. Butter steady. Sugar steady. Eggs firm at 14¢. Cheese steady.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and higher; No. 2 cash 71½¢; May, 73¢. Corn firm and higher; No. 2 mixed 37¢. Oats unchanged; No. 2 mixed 24½¢. Rye dull; No. 2 cash 58¢. Cloverseed firm and higher; prime cash, old, \$4 35¢; March, new, \$5 55¢; October, \$6 50¢; No. 2 seed \$4 65¢@4 80¢. Oil unchanged.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO—Cattle, receipts 22,000 head; market generally 10¢@15¢ lower; natives: good to prime steers 10¢ lower at \$4 90¢@5 00¢; poor to medium 10¢@20¢ lower at \$4 00¢@4 60¢; selected feeders about steady at \$3 30¢@3 90¢; cows 10¢ lower at \$3 00¢@3 50¢; heifers \$3 00¢@4 00¢; calves \$2 50¢@3 00¢; hogs \$10 15¢; calves, 25¢ lower at \$4 50¢@5 00¢; Texans, receipts 2,500 head; Texas fed steers active and 5¢@10¢ lower at \$3 85¢@4 00¢; Texas bulls a shade lower at \$2 20¢@2 30¢. Hogs, receipts to-day, 29,000 head; estimated for to-morrow, 27,000 head; live over, 5,000 head; market fairly active and average a shade weaker, top, 50¢; mixed and butchers \$4 80¢@5 02½¢; good to choice heavy \$4 95¢@5 05¢; rough heavy \$4 80¢@4 90¢; light, \$4 75¢@4 85¢; bulk of sales \$4 90¢@5 00¢. Sheep, receipts 13,000 head; sheep and yearlings about steady; lambs weak to 15¢ lower; good to choice heavy \$5 00¢@5 10¢; fair to choice mixed \$4 75¢@5 35¢; western sheep \$5 40¢@5 80¢; yearlings \$5 80¢@6 00¢; native lambs \$5 50¢@5 75¢; western lambs \$6 00¢@6 25¢.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; extra \$4 45¢@5 00¢; prime \$5 25¢@5 40¢; common \$3 25¢@3 80¢. Hogs steady; prime mediums \$5 15¢@5 20¢; heavy hogs \$5 15¢@5 17½¢; heavy Yorkers \$5 10¢@5 15¢; light Yorkers \$5 00¢@5 10¢; pigs \$4 75¢@5 00¢; choice mixed \$4 70¢@4 80¢; fair to choice \$4 25¢@4 40¢; common \$3 50¢@4 00¢; choice lambs \$7 25¢@7 40¢; common to good \$5 50¢@7 25¢. Veal calves \$6 50¢@7 25¢.

CINCINNATI—Hogs active and strong at \$4 15¢@5 05¢.

NEW YORK—Price changes and activity were the features of the metal market to-day. Although cables from London reported declines in both tin and copper, the latter after a prolonged quiescence of over three months here, advanced 12½ points, said to be on account of the export sales, closing firm at \$16 37½¢. Pig iron was very dull. Tin ruled firm, closing at \$33, an advance of 25¢@75¢ points over yesterday's decline, the price then being \$32 25¢@32 75¢. Lead was dull and unchanged at \$4 70 bid and \$4 75 asked; spelter was quoted at \$4 60¢@4 67½¢, closing easy at that. The brokers' price for lead was \$4 45 and for copper \$16 50.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK—The market for cotton goods has ruled quiet in most directions. The advances in bleached cottons which the trade is looking for have not been made, but are likely to be the week is out. Prices on other descriptions firm. Prints firm with fair demand. Prints, cloth quiet and unchanged. Ginghams generally scarce. In woolen and worsted dress goods fair business in fancies, tone steady. Silks are firm, but the deliveries quiet.

Petroleum.

OIL CITY—Credit balances \$1 63¢; certificates, no bids or offers; shipments, 75,144 bushels; average, 84,263 bushels; runs, 108,898 bushels; average, 85,051 barrels.

NEW YORK—Standard oil stock \$5 35¢@5 39¢.

Wool.

NEW YORK—Wool dull.

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